Administrations and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (e) Most State Governments/U.Ts. including that of Madhya Pradesh, were advised, soon after the enactment of the Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Act, 1981, inter alia, to constitute Special Courts for trial of offences under the Act.

**Increasing the allocation of wheat quota to PDS**

437. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government have decided to increase the allocation of wheat quota to PDS in the Capital to mitigate the acute shortage of wheat supplies ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have also decided to sell Atta (Flour) through Fair Price Shops in the Capital ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) The allocation of wheat to the Union Territory of Delhi since July, 1991 is given below :—

(in tonnes)

| Month | Quantity of wheat allotted |
|---|---|
| 1 | 2 |
| July, 91 | 72000 |
| August, 91 | 72000 |
| September, 91 | 72000 |
| October, 91 | 72000 |
| November, 91. | 72000 |
| December, 91 | 64800 |
| January, 92 | 64800 |
| February, 92 | 72000 |
| March, 92 | 72000 |

(c) and (d) Delhi Administration has earmarked some quantity of wheat for conversion into wholemeal atta. This atta is distributed to consumers, through Fair Price Shops, as a part of the wheat quota, to provide a facility to consumers. It is priced at Rs. 38/- per bag of 10 Kg.

***Shortage of edible oil in Gujarat***

438. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is facing acute shortage of edible oil ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the prices of edible oils have gone sky-high and middle-class people and the poor are suffering ;

(c) what is the requirement of Gujarat for edible oil per month at present ;

(d) how much quantity has been allotted and supplied to Gujarat by Central Government ; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to meet the full requirement of edible oil in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) As per available information edible oilseeds